



General Assembly

February Session, 2006

Raised Bill No. 5629

LCO No. 2493

02493_____ENV

Referred to Committee on Environment

Introduced by:
(ENV)

AN ACT CONCERNING ENVIRONMENTAL AUDITS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2006*) Not later than December
2 31, 2007, the Commissioner of Environmental Protection shall adopt
3 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the
4 general statutes, to establish an environmental audit program.
5 Notwithstanding the provisions of the general statutes, the audit
6 program shall allow for the elimination or reduction of fines, penalties,
7 or civil actions for a violation of the provisions of title 22a of the
8 general statutes and the regulations adopted pursuant to said title 22a,
9 provided (1) the violation was discovered as a result of an
10 environmental compliance audit; (2) the person who discovered the
11 violation conducts an environmental compliance audit not less than
12 annually; (3) the audit was not required by any federal or state statute,
13 regulation, court order or administrative order; (4) the violation
14 discovered during the audit was reported not later than ten days after
15 discovery to the commissioner or the commissioner's designee; (5) the
16 person takes action to correct the violation within an appropriate
17 period of time, as determined by the commissioner; and (6) the

18 violation was not a result of knowing, wilful or reckless conduct of the
19 person.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
---	--	--

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2006</i>	New section
-----------	------------------------	-------------

Statement of Purpose:

To direct the Commissioner of Environmental Protection to establish an environmental audit program.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]